

## **Representation of the gender category in Russian speech practice: Psycholinguistic aspect**

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### **Abstract**

This article is devoted to how the gender category of nouns is represented in Russian speech practice. This paper reveals the cognitive potential, semantics, and metaphorical differences of the gender category. Figurative and associative specificity of grammatical categories of gender is considered. It analyzes the process of personification of inanimate nouns. The study is illustrated with examples from the poems of Russian poets. The article reveals the denotative and significative meanings of the word using a psycholinguistic stance as well as, the literal and figurative meanings of the word by the representation of the gender category.

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### **Keywords**

Denotative meaning, Gender category, Metaphorization, Psycholinguistic aspect, Representation, Significative meaning